

Monthly Status Report – July 2006  
Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders

Co-Occurring Policy Team

- The following new team members will be added to the former Policy Academy team. The confirmed members include:
  - Bob Ross – Mental Health Director – South Central Mental Health Center - Billings
  - Charlie Bear – Reservation American Indian – Fort Belknap Alcohol Program - Harlem
  - Dave Peshek – State Facilities – Montana Chemical Dependency Center
  - Steve Lohning – Urban American Indian – Missoula Indian Center
  - Pat Calf Looking – Reservation American Indian – Crystal Creek Lodge – Browning
  - Dan Nauts, M.D. – Medical– Montana Chemical Dependency Center - Butte
  - Jodi Martz – Mental Health – Western Montana Mental Health Center – Butte
  - Lenore Meyers – Reservation American Indian – White Sky Hope Center – Box Elder
  - Bill Martin – Urban American Indian – Indian Family Clinic – Great Falls
  - Emery Jones – Western Montana Change Agent Team Leader – Western Montana Addiction Services
  - Michael Hagenlock – Central Montana Change Agent Team Leader – Gallatin County Alcohol & Drug Program
  - Sandra Lippy – Eastern Montana Change Agent Team Leader- Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center
- The next scheduled meeting is September 27, 2006.

Training/Presentations

- COD Training Presentation to CD & MH Bureau staff
- COD Training Presentation to ADRT members

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- The final document “What is Co-Occurring Capability” has been approved for implementation. It is the expectation of the MONTANA CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION PLAN that all enrolled and contracted provider achieve Co-Occurring Capability as defined. Change Agents, Program Directors and respective constituencies will have ongoing discussions regarding the implementation of the definition.
- A Change Agent meeting has been scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> in Helena. The meeting will focus primarily on the role and purpose of the Change Agents and their participation on work groups.

- COST meetings are held every Tuesday at AMDD. The membership includes: Joan Cassidy, Deb Sanchez, Lou Thompson, Marcia Armstrong, Scott Boyles and Susan Haran. Marcia will maintain summary notes on weekly COST meetings.

### **AMDD Co-Occurring Executive**

The role & purpose of the membership has been integrated into the Co-Occurring Policy Team. No further meetings will be scheduled.

### **Change Agents**

- Central Region

Park & Gallatin County Training was held July 7<sup>th</sup>. Presenters for the training include: Michael Hagenlock, David Powell & Vicki DeBoer. Case examples will be given by Dan Krause, Shelly Johnson and John Beck. The next local meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at ADSGC.

- Eastern Region

A meeting was held on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Sandra Lippy, Gordon Jackson and Elizabeth Dryrdahl present. Liza reported she administered the COMPASS for the Glasgow, Plentywood and Wolf Point clinical offices. Action plans were updated by Liza, John Rex and Carl Austin from EMCMHC. A two day GAINES training was attended by 15 individuals from EMCMHC and Region II.

- Western Region

No report was received.

### **Other**

- Cheryl Nystrom, Mental Health Community Officer joined Ken Taylor, Chemical Dependency Program Officer, during a recent program entrance interview at Journey Recovery Program in Billings. The effort supports enhanced coordination of program services between the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Bureau.